

In the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement paragraph:

5 Stabilized 17-substituted hydrocortisone containing compositions and
methods of manufacture. Isomerization of the hydrocortisone
component of topical steroid compositions is markedly reduced by
introducing an omega-~~6~~3 acid in the form of linoleic acid into the skin
preparation. Preferably, the linoleic acid is added as a component of
refined safflower oil. The omega-~~6~~3 acid has been found to be an
10 effective way of preventing the isomerization of hydrocortisone 17-
butyrate into the undesirable isomer HC21-B.